

Bioenergy Council Conference Meeting Notes

January 21, 2014

Teleconference held at 12:30 PM

Members Participating: Jamie Derr (Co-Chair), David Donovan (Co-Chair), Michael Troge, Dick Gorder, Dan Bahr, Keith Reopelle, Bob Sather, Don Nelson, Mike Engel and Michael Allen.

Agency Staff Participating: Amanda Mott, Deb Erwin, Roger Kasper and Ty Rohloff

Welcome and Introductions (Jamie Derr)

Members present were able to introduce themselves and raise any topics that were relevant to the Wisconsin Bioenergy Council.

Discussion on the Letter to the EPA (Robert Sather)

Bob drafted a letter to the EPA against any changes to the RFS regarding the ethanol mandate. A discussion occurred regarding if the Council should move the recommendation forward as a group or if individual Council members should support the letter if it aligned with a members' concerns. The determination was made that the letter fit in the Council's Recommendation Number One. Since it was an issue that needed state government support the language should be left unchanged as it is written in the fourth action in Recommendation Number One.

Policy Recommendations (Dave Donovan)

Final draft recommendations for Secretary Brancel were presented by each of the working groups that had revised recommendations based on past input of the council.

Draft Recommendation 1 - Dave Donovan and Ty Rohloff –

The recommendation was accepted in its current form.

Draft Recommendation 2 - Deb Erwin, Amanda Mott, Michael Allen and Dave Donovan –

Discussion for the second recommendation revolved around whether or not to have a defined number in regards to the Net Neutral Carbon Standards. After some discussion it was decided that it would be more beneficial to leave the number undetermined as it would leave more flexibility in the future.

The recommendation was accepted in its current form.

Draft Recommendation 3 - Deb Erwin, T.J. Morice and Keith Reopelle –

The question in discussion was if there is a need for a renewable thermal standard. The recommendation was that yes there is a need and the council supports legislation created to that effect. In regards to the first bullet point on recommendation number three, the consensus was that the statement "(RPS) that would have **the effect of reducing the likelihood**" be changed to "(RPS) that would have **a negative effect on the likelihood**"

A consensus was made that the last three bullet points are worth discussing at a later point in time. They will be put in a folder for discussion at a future meeting.

The recommendation will be edited to reflect the changes.

Recommendation 4 and 5 Jamie Derr –

Along with the last three bullet points of the third recommendation, recommendations four and five will also be put in a folder for discussion at a future meeting.

All of the accepted will be presented to Secretary Brancel within the next month. Once feedback is given a meeting will be set-up to update members on steps the department may take in regards to council input.

Next Steps – (Ty Rohloff)

Membership Terms – Jamie Derr, Dave Donovan, Pam Porter, Gary Radloff and Keith Reopelle all have terms that expired in 2013. Jamie and Keith agreed to serve another term. Dave Donovan has taken a new position with Xcel Energy and will check on his availability to continue serving. Pam and Gary will be contacted to determine if they are willing to serve another term.

Future Meeting – A Doodle poll will be sent out after the recommendations are reviewed by Secretary Brancel. The next meeting will take place in March or April to give an update on Secretary Brancel's review of the recommendations.

Meeting Adjourned